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| COUNTRY | East Germany | | REPORT |
| TOPIC | Military Information from Halle | | 25X1 |
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| DATE OBTAINED | | DATE PREPARED | 29 April 1953 |
| REFERENCES | | | |
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1. Between 13 and 18 April 1953, the Flak Kaserne in Woernitz was occupied by 600 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. Training at squad level was observed. T-43 tank was seen at the installation.

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On 18 April, the Reil Kaserne was still vacant. The installation was guarded by a civilian.

2. Between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 14 April, the following troops were observed driving from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne probably to the Halle railroad station: about 350 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia: 18 x 25-mm AA guns with gun shields towed by trucks

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10 trucks with billeting equipment: 1 field kitchen; and 1 ambulance. Trucks loaded with ammunition boxes repeatedly drove through the town.

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3. Between 14 and 18 April, the following troops from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne were loaded at the Halle freight station on trains which left toward Erfurt:

On 14 April: M-13 rocket launcher 25 to 30 medium mortars; about 10 light mortars; 8 x 100-mm AT guns; vehicles:

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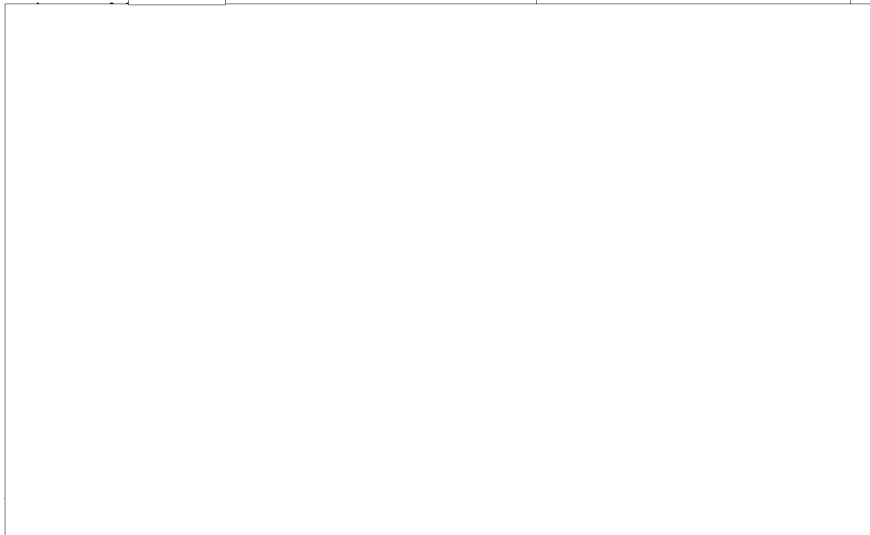


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On 15 April. Twenty-one JS-II tanks [redacted]
[redacted] and 7 tanks [redacted] small
armored scout cars [redacted]
[redacted] and medium armored scout cars [redacted]

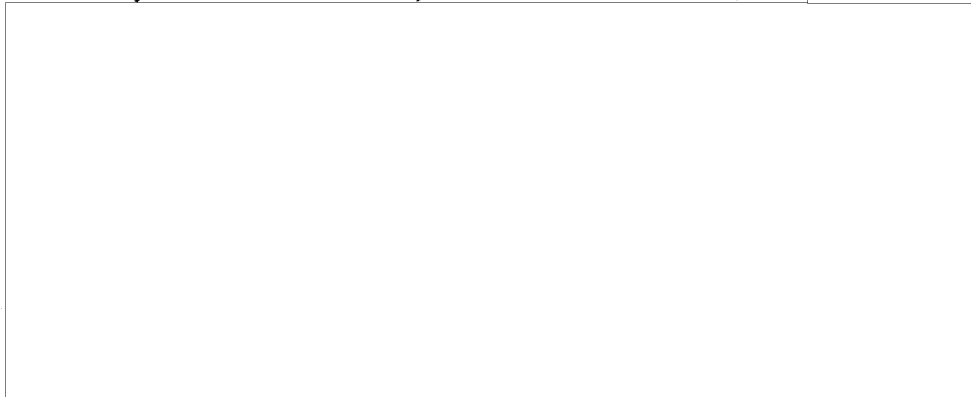
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On 16 April. Eighteen SU-100s [redacted]
[redacted] BA-64 armored
scout car [redacted] 2 T-43 tanks, including [redacted]



On 17 April. Eight T-43 tanks with numbers pasted over; 6 unnumbered
armored scout cars; 2 artillery pieces; 10 unnumbered armored personnel
carriers; 1 railroad motor car; 25 to 30 sidecar motorcycles [redacted]

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On 18 April. Ten BA-64 armored scout cars [redacted]
[redacted] 23 T-43 tanks [redacted]
and the following motor vehicles [redacted]

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Comment. Troop trains to Lossa with troops of the 21st Gds Mecz Div included 4 trains on 13 April and 3 trains on 14 April 1953.

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The present report indicates that the following materiel from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was loaded at the Halle freight station: 28 JS-II tanks, 33 T-43 tanks, 34 SU-100, 23 armored scout cars, 10 armored personnel carriers, 30 motorcycles, about 150 trucks, 18 AA guns of about 25-mm, 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 1 mortar, and about 25 medium mortars. Thus, together with the troop trains mentioned in the reference report, the bulk of the 21st Gds Mecz Div is believed to have left for Lossa on about 11 trains between 13 and 18 April 1953.

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